ONE DAY AS THE PHANTOM RIDES NEAR THE JUNGLE'S EDGE.
NOW DIANA AND HER MOTHER CAN FINISH THEIR CRUISE IN PEACE.

RAIDERS~FROM BORDER~ O GHOST WHO WALKS! THEY LOOTED AND BURNED~~
THEY WENT THAT WAY!

AHEAD, THE RAIDERS, RACING FOR THE BORDER~
LEAVE A REAR GUARD HERE TO SEE IF WE ARE FOLLOWED!
WILSON McCOY 3-14

THOSE RAIDERS CAN'T BE FAR AHEAD~

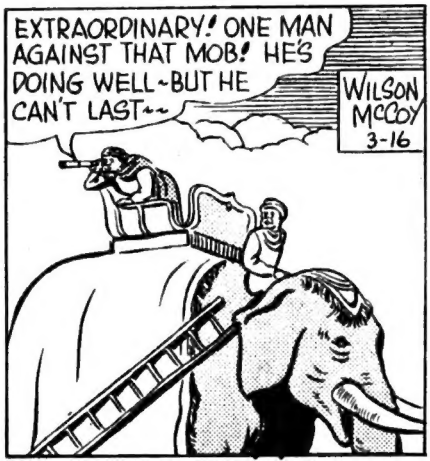
ONLY DEVIL'S WARNING BARK SAVES THE PHANTOM FROM A RAIDER BULLET~~

THE PHANTOM HAS RIDDEN INTO A TRAP~~
FINISH HIM-ONCE AND FOR ALL!
PHANTOM!

THE THUGS POUR AT HIM FROM ALL SIDES - A BATTLE ROYAL BEGINS!
WILSON McCOY 3-15

THE PHANTOM BATTLES VALIANTLY AGAINST THE RAIDERS~
FINISH THE PHANTOM~UH~
KILL HIM~ UMPH~

BUT MORE OF THEM POUR IN~THE ODDS ARE TOO GREAT~~


EXTRAORDINARY! ONE MAN AGAINST THAT MOB! HE'S DOING WELL~BUT HE CAN'T LAST~~
WILSON McCOY 3-16

TAGON, PRINCE OF THE BENGALI HIGHLANDS~
HE DESERVES HELP~ WHOEVER HE IS. SEND OUR GUARDS DOWN TO SAVE HIM!
YES, EXCELLENCY.

PRINCE TAGON'S TROOPS SPEED UP THE SLOPE~~
WILSON McCOY 3-17

THE RAIDERS TRY TO FLEE~~BUT ARE QUICKLY SURROUNDED~~
?

I SAW YOU FIGHTING. ONE MAN AGAINST MANY. WHAT HAPPENED?
THEY ARE BORDER RAIDERS. THEY LOOTED AND BURNED A VILLAGE.

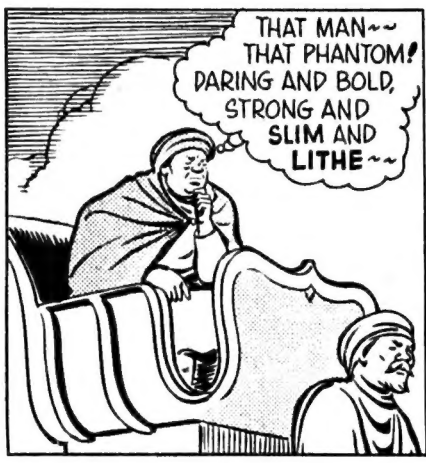
I AM TAGON, PRINCE OF THE HIGHLANDS. AND YOU~~?
I HAVE MANY NAMES. SOME CALL ME~~ THE PHANTOM.

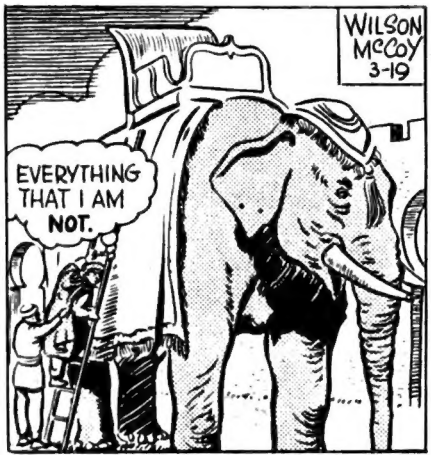
A FRIENDSHIP IS FORMED BETWEEN PRINCE TAGON AND THE PHANTOM
LET ME GET THAT ONE~ JUNGLE FASHION.

WILSON McCOY 3-18

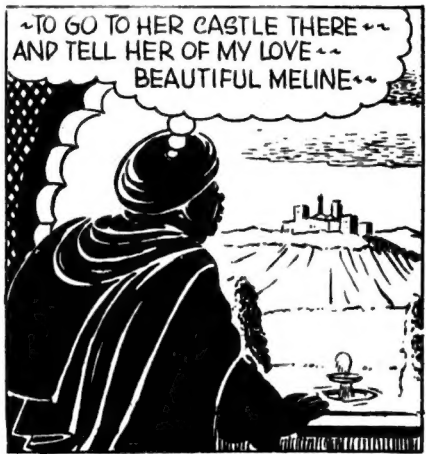
AMAZING!
I MUST RETURN TO THE JUNGLE, PRINCE. YOU SAVED MY LIFE. IF YOU EVER NEED ME~CALL ME.

BUT HOW CAN I FIND YOU?
TELL THE JUNGLE YOU NEED THE PHANTOM. I WILL HEAR~ AND COME.


THAT MAN~~ THAT PHANTOM! DARING AND BOLD, STRONG AND SLIM AND LITHE~~


WILSON McCOY 3-19
EVERYTHING THAT I AM NOT.

IF ONLY I WERE LIKE HIM~BOLD AND LEAN~ THEN I WOULD DARE~ I COULD DARE~~TO TALK TO HER~~


~TO GO TO HER CASTLE THERE~~ AND TELL HER OF MY LOVE~~ BEAUTIFUL MELINE~~

NEAR THE JUNGLE~ THE HIGHLANDS~ WHERE THE NOBLES HAVE BUILT GREAT PALACES~
WILSON McCOY 3-21

IN ONE CASTLE, THE HAUGHTY, BEAUTIFUL MELINE~~

~~ADORED BY HER 'NEXT-DOOR' NEIGHBOR, FAT PRINCE TAGON~~
AH~~ MELINE~

TODAY I SEE HER! TODAY I POP THE QUESTION!

TODAY TAGON IS COMING TO SEE ME AGAIN. OH, DEAR~ THE FOOLISH BORE~~

HIS EXCELLENCY, PRINCE TAGON.
I'VE GOT TO POP THE QUESTION TODAY! I'VE GOT TO SAY IT!
WILSON McCOY 3-22

MELINE~I~ER~ GULP~GASP~~ PUFF~HUFF WHEW~)
YES, TAGON? (TEE-HEE).
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'LL CHOKE.

~AND MELINE HAS A LAUGHING FIT.
MELINE~I~ (GRUNT~ GASP~~)
OH, NO~NOT ON YOUR KNEES! THIS IS TOO MUCH!
HE'S SO FAT!

I CAN NEVER TALK TO MELINE. I GET TONGUE-TIED. ALL SHE DOES IS LAUGH AT ME. HOW CAN I PROPOSE?

IF I COULD SAY IT~~AND SHE REFUSED~I COULDN'T STAND IT! MAYBE A LETTER~NO, CAN'T PROPOSE BY MAIL!

I COULD SEND SOMEONE TO SPEAK FOR ME~BUT WHOM COULD I TRUST NOT TO TELL THE OTHERS? WHO'D BE BRAVE ENOUGH~~

~TO FACE THAT PROUD, LAUGHING WOMAN? HMM. THERE IS ONE~~ BRAVE ENOUGH TO FACE ANYTHING! MY NEW FRIEND~~
WILSON McCOY 3-23

THE PHANTOM! I COULD TRUST HIM TO PROPOSE TO MELINE FOR ME. HE'D TELL NO ONE IF SHE REFUSED. HE WOULDN'T BE AFRAID.

IF YOU EVER NEED ME, TELL THE JUNGLE. I WILL HEAR AND COME.
BUT HOW TO REACH HIM?
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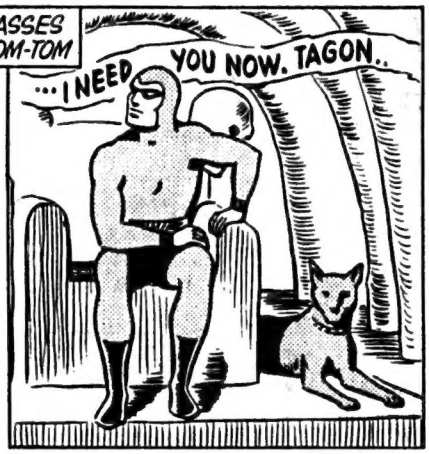
TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO THE CLOSEST JUNGLE VILLAGE. PAY THE DRUMMER TO SEND IT~ON THE TOM-TOM.

WILSON McCOY 3-24
PHANTOM... I NEED YOU NOW... TAGON

THE MESSAGE PASSES FROM TOM-TOM TO TOM-TOM
PHANTOM.. I NEED YOU NOW. TAGON

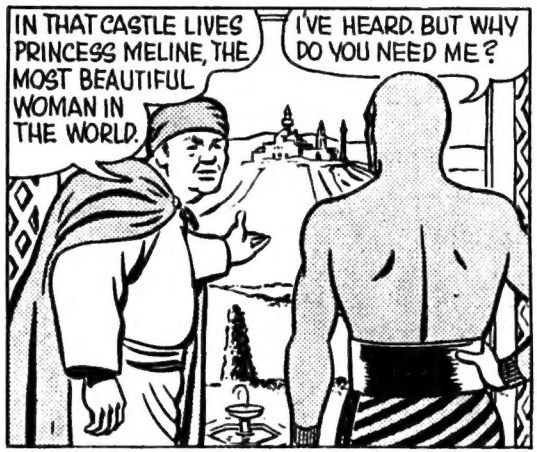

...I NEED YOU NOW. TAGON..

WILSON McCOY 3-25
TAGON SAVED MY LIFE. IF HE NEEDS ME NOW, I MUST GO TO HIM!

FOUR DAYS~NO SIGN OF THE PHANTOM~HE'LL NEVER COME~I'LL NEVER GET MELINE~~

YOU CAME!
I PROMISED I WOULD. I GOT YOUR MESSAGE. ARE YOU IN TROUBLE?

DREADFUL TROUBLE~THE WORST IN MY LIFE! I NEED YOU TO SPEAK FOR ME.
SPEAK FOR YOU, PRINCE TAGON?


IN THAT CASTLE LIVES PRINCESS MELINE, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD.
I'VE HEARD. BUT WHY DO YOU NEED ME?

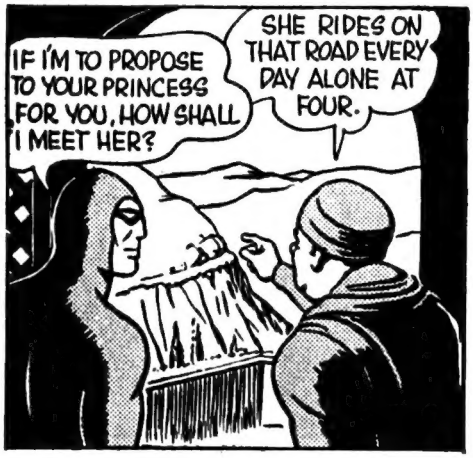
I WANT YOU TO PROPOSE TO HER FOR ME!
WILSON McCOY 3-26

YOU WANT ME TO PROPOSE TO YOUR PRINCESS FOR YOU? WHY, TAGON?
BECAUSE I CAN'T DO IT, MYSELF! I'VE TRIED~

BUT I GET TONGUE-TIED AND SHE LAUGHS. I WANTED TO WRITE MY PROPOSAL--THAT SEEMED IMPROPER. I CAN TRUST NO ONE ELSE--

THIS IS SILLY, TAGON. YOU MUST PROPOSE, YOURSELF.
I SAVED YOUR LIFE. YOU PROMISED TO HELP ME. YOU SAID "JUST CALL"

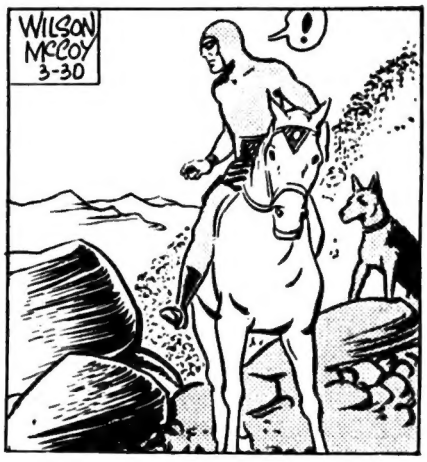
NOW I AM CALLING.) ASK HER TO MARRY ME.
WILSON McCOY 3-28


IF I'M TO PROPOSE TO YOUR PRINCESS FOR YOU, HOW SHALL I MEET HER?
SHE RIDES ON THAT ROAD EVERY DAY ALONE AT FOUR.

GOOD LUCK!
HMM~ OF ALL THE FOOLISH TASKS! BUT I PROMISED TO HELP HIM~

THE LOVELY PRINCESS MELINE--OUT FOR HER DAILY RIDE~
THANK GOODNESS THAT FAT FOOL TAGON HAS STOPPED CALLING ON ME.

BUT OTHERS THAN THE PHANTOM ARE WAITING FOR HER THIS DAY--
HERE SHE COMES! READY--
WILSON McCOY 3-29


WILSON McCOY 3-30
!

BANDITS!!
DON'T BE ALARMED, PRINCESS. IF YOUR FAMILY VALUES YOU ENOUGH TO PAY OUR RANSOM, YOU WON'T BE HARMED.

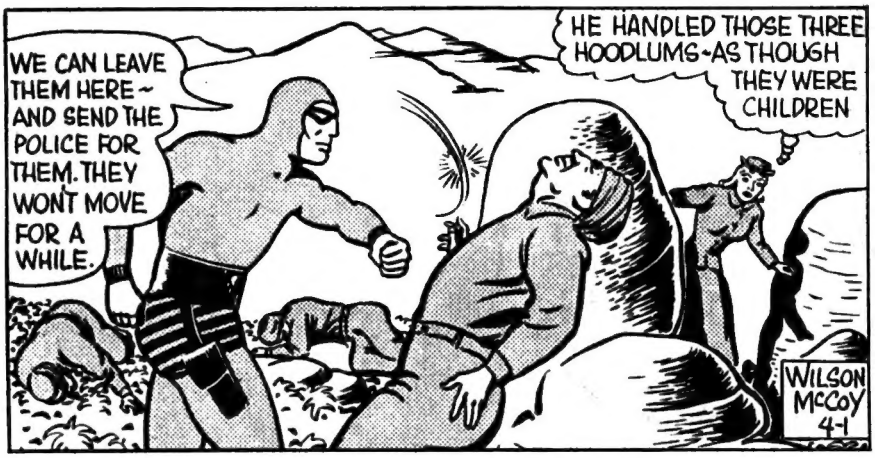
JUST BUSINESS-MEN, PRINCESS
GIT, RAJAH-- OH--

MOTHER WARNED ME NOT TO RIDE ALONE. I WOULDN'T LISTEN -- NOW~ BANDITS ~
AFTER THIS, LISTEN TO HER.

SUDDENLY A POWERFUL FORM LEAPS FROM THE ROCKS.

WILSON McCOY 3-31

WHO~IS~HE? HE'S WONDERFUL!


WE CAN LEAVE THEM HERE ~ AND SEND THE POLICE FOR THEM. THEY WON'T MOVE FOR A WHILE.
HE HANDLED THOSE THREE HOODLUMS~AS THOUGH THEY WERE CHILDREN
WILSON McCOY 4-1

YOU MUST BE UPSET AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE, PRINCESS MELINE. REST A MOMENT.
YOU KNOW ME?

NOT EXACTLY, BUT I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU, MYSELF.
OH? ARE YOU A BANDIT, TOO, WITH YOUR STRANGE COSTUME AND MASK?

I AM NOT A BANDIT, PRINCESS. WE HAVE A MUTUAL FRIEND~ PRINCE TAGON.
OH~ HIM.
WILSON McCOY 4-2

HOW FORTUNATE YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME JUST AS THOSE BANDITS GOT ME.
YES, IT WAS.

WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT ODD GETUP?
THEY'RE MY WORKING CLOTHES. BUT THAT'S A LONG STORY.

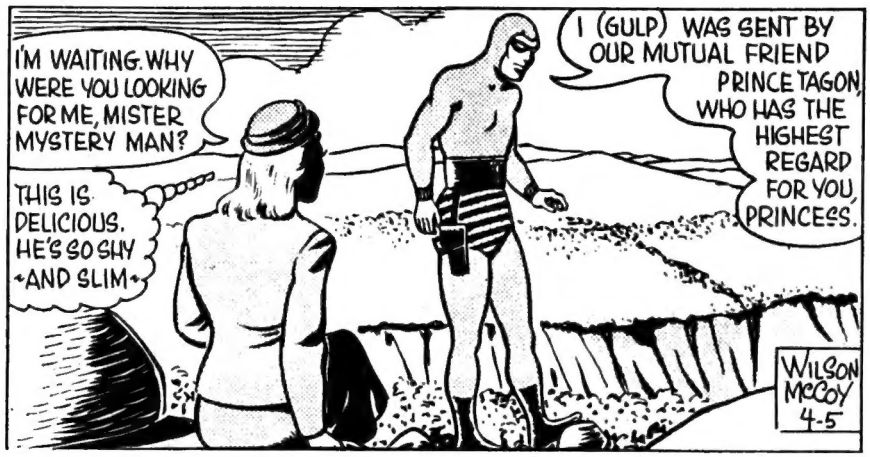
VERY WELL, IF YOU MUST BE MYSTERIOUS. BUT WHY WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
I-- ER-(GULP)
OH, BROTHER, HOW CAN I ASK HER?
(CONT'D.

COME, NOW. WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
I-ER-WELL-(GULP)-

HE'S ADMIRED ME FROM AFAR. HOW DELICIOUS AND ROMANTIC! HE'S SO HANDSOME AND STRONG AND SLIM-AND SHY--
WILSON McCOY 4-4

DID YOU 'HIRE' THOSE 'BANDITS' AND STAGE MY CAPTURE JUST TO 'RESCUE' ME?

WAIT A MOMENT, PRINCESS. YOU'RE GETTING THE WRONG IDEA-THOSE ARE REAL BANDITS-
DARN TAGON FOR PUTTING ME IN THIS SPOT!


I'M WAITING. WHY WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME, MISTER MYSTERY MAN?
THIS IS DELICIOUS. HE'S SO SHY-AND SLIM-
I (GULP) WAS SENT BY OUR MUTUAL FRIEND PRINCE TAGON, WHO HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR YOU, PRINCESS.
WILSON McCOY 4-5

YOU SAID THAT BEFORE.
HE'S TRYING TO PROPOSE.
SO I DID. WELL-- TAGON LOVES YOU VERY MUCH AND SENT ME TO ASK YOU-

--IF YOU WILL MARRY HIM. (WHEW)
HIM?!

YOU FOUND ME-JUST TO PROPOSE MARRIAGE FOR TAGON?
YES, PRINCESS.

THAT FAT FOOL! DOESN'T HE KNOW WHEN TO STOP? I'VE REFUSED HIM AND REFUSED HIM-I'VE TRIED TO BE POLITE
WILSON McCOY 4-6

TELL HIM THAT I WOULDN'T MARRY HIM IF HE WERE THE LAST MAN ON EARTH. HE'S WEAK, RIDICULOUS, COWARDLY-SENDING YOU!

ALSO TELL HIM HE'S A GROSS, ENORMOUS MOUNTAIN OF BLUBBER!
I'LL JUST SAY YOU SAID 'NO'.

I'VE COMPLETED MY MISSION, PRINCESS. I'VE PROPOSED FOR TAGON. YOUR ANSWER IS NO.
OH, WAIT.

WHERE WILL YOU GO? WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
IN THE JUNGLE.

DO YOU-ER-COME BY THIS WAY OFTEN?
NO. THE CHANCES ARE I'LL NEVER COME BACK.

GOOD-BYE
I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN.
WAIT!
WILSON McCOY 4-7

YES, PRINCESS?
IT'S A WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE TO CHANGE HER MIND. I-ER-WANT TO THINK OVER TAGON'S PROPOSAL.

THEN-IT'S NOT A FLAT 'NO'?
IT'S A 'MAYBE.' COME BACK IN TWO OR THREE DAYS-

IT'S NOT NECESSARY FOR ME TO RETURN. I'LL TELL TAGON, AND HE CAN SEE YOU.
NO! YOU STARTED THIS. YOU FINISH IT.
WILSON McCOY 4-8

BUT WHY ME? THIS IS TAGON'S BUSINESS.
YOU WILL COME TO MY PALACE IN TWO DAYS FOR MY DECISION.

AGREED. YOU'LL COME TO MY PALACE IN TWO DAYS FOR MY DECISION.
I HOPE IT'S 'YES'. YOU'LL MAKE TAGON A HAPPY MAN.

HE'S A FINE MAN, GENEROUS AND GOOD AND INTELLIGENT-
NEVER MIND. I KNOW ALL ABOUT HIM. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
WILSON McCOY 4-9

MEN CALL ME THE PHANTOM.
JUST THAT? HOW DELICIOUS!

I MUST FIND OUT ALL ABOUT HIM!
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WOMEN.

SHE SAID 'MAYBE'! HOW WONDERFUL! LOVELY MELINE~~
SHE'LL GIVE HER FINAL DECISION IN TWO DAYS.

TWO DAYS! GOOD! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE HER!
ER~SHE INSISTED THAT I COME TO GET HER DECISION.

THAT SEEMS ODD~ SINCE I'M THE ONE WHO'S PROPOSING!
VERY WELL. YOU GO! I KEPT MY PROMISE TO YOU~

~IT'S ALL YOURS FROM NOW ON.
NO~WAIT~IF THAT'S THE WAY SHE WANTS~ DO IT THAT WAY! MUSTN'T ROCK THE BOAT~
WILSON, McCOY 4-11

NANNY, FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN ABOUT A MAN CALLED THE PHANTOM.
YES, PRINCESS.
PHANTOM?

HE'S WONDERFUL~HANDSOME AND STRONG AND SLIM~NOT LIKE THAT SILLY, FAT TAGON! I'M CERTAIN HE'S A KING IN DISGUISE~~

~OR AT LEAST A PRINCE. HE'S SO MASTERFUL. I LOVE STRONG, SILENT, SLIM MEN!
WILSON, McCOY 4-12

NANNY, DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT HIM?
YES. I ASKED THE NATIVES. THEY ALL KNEW ABOUT HIM. IT'S~ER~RATHER STRANGE

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE PHANTOM?
UH~HE LIVES IN THE DEEP WOODS~~ AMONG THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE.

THAT'S FASCINATING.
HE IS SAID TO FEAR NOTHING, HAVE THE WISDOM OF THE ELEPHANT AND THE STRENGTH OF TEN TIGERS.

HE IS SAID TO BE THE SECRET RULER OF THE JUNGLE.
I KNEW HE WAS ROYAL! GO ON!

UH~ALSO~HE CANNOT DIE~AND HE IS 400 YEARS OLD!
WILSON, McCOY 4-13
(GULP) WHAT?

RIDICULOUS, NANNY. HOW COULD HE BE 400 YEARS OLD?
ALL THE NATIVES SWEAR IT, PRINCESS. I SPOKE TO ONE OLD MAN, AGED 95~~

~~HE RECALLED SEEING THE PHANTOM 80 YEARS AGO~HASN'T CHANGED A BIT. HE SAYS **HIS** GREAT GRAND-FATHER SAW HIM AGES AGO~~

POOH~THAT'S JUNGLE SUPER-STITION!
IT'S ALL TRUE! ALL SAY THE SAME. HE HAS A SKULL THRONE AND A SKULL CAVE~
WILSON McCOY 4-14

THE GHOST WHO WALKS~THE MAN WHO CAN-NOT DIE!
STOP THAT GIBBERING, NANNY, AND BRING MY TEA. GHOST INDEED!

PHANTOM~~ GHOST WHO WALKS~MAN WHO CAN-NOT DIE~400 YEARS OLD-FOUR HUNDRED!

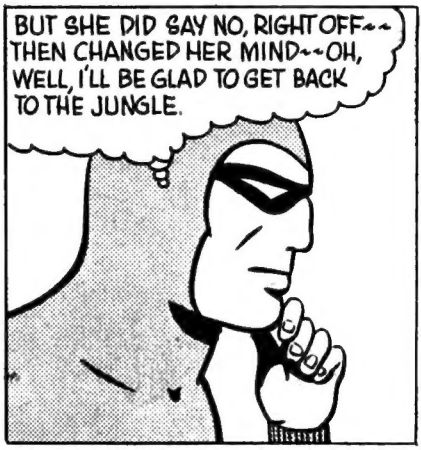
I'M TWENTY-TWO. WHEN I'M THIRTY, HE'LL BE FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHT~~
WILSON McCOY 4-15

NONSENSE~ I'M AS BAD AS THE NATIVES. HE CAN'T BE MORE THAN TWENTY-EIGHT~~ WHEN HE COMES TOMORROW I'LL ASK HIM~

"~HOW OLD ARE YOU?"~ HE'S COMING TOMORROW~HANDSOME, SLIM MISTER PHANTOM~~ TOMORROW~~

BZZ~~ HE'S COMING TOMORROW~~ MISTER PHANTOM~~ I'M SO EXCITED ~~CAN'T SLEEP~ BZZZZ~~
WILSON McCOY 4-16

TOMORROW'S THE DAY SHE GIVES HER ANSWER~ MY LOVELY MELINE~
I KNOW SHE'LL SAY YES~OTHERWISE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NO, RIGHT OFF.
LET'S HOPE SO, TAGON.

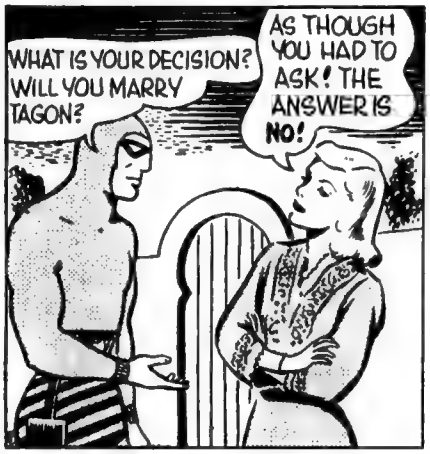

BUT SHE DID SAY NO, RIGHT OFF~~ THEN CHANGED HER MIND~~OH, WELL, I'LL BE GLAD TO GET BACK TO THE JUNGLE.

TODAY'S THE DAY.. WHEN MELINE GIVES HER ANSWER - LOVELY MELINE!

IT'S ALMOST NOON. I WONDER WHEN HE'S COMING.

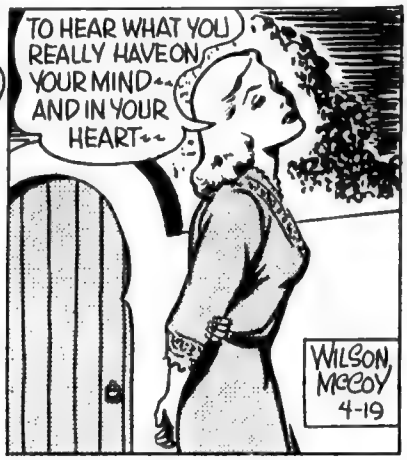
NIGHT - HE HASN'T COME - HE PROMISED HE WOULD.. BUT HE WON'T..

OH! I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T COMING..
I TRAVEL BEST AT NIGHT, MELINE.
WILSON McCOY 4-18


WHAT IS YOUR DECISION? WILL YOU MARRY TAGON?
AS THOUGH YOU HAD TO ASK! THE ANSWER IS NO!

HE IS SO FAT—
IS THAT SO IMPORTANT? HE IS YOUNG, GOOD AND HE LOVES YOU.

I KNOW ALL THAT. SPEAK NO MORE ABOUT HIM. THE SUBJECT IS CLOSED. WELL - I'M WAITING.
FOR WHAT?


TO HEAR WHAT YOU REALLY HAVE ON YOUR MIND.. AND IN YOUR HEART..
WILSON McCOY 4-19

BUT - I'VE NOTHING MORE TO SAY, MELINE. YOU'VE TURNED DOWN TAGON. I'LL TELL HIM.
OH - HE'S SO SHY..

LET ME SEE YOUR HANDS.

I KNEW IT WAS NONSENSE. YOU'RE NOT FOUR HUNDRED YEARS OLD. YOU'RE A YOUNG MAN.
I MUST GO NOW, MELINE.

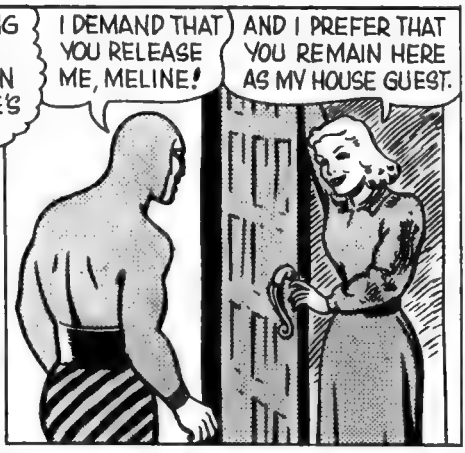
HE'S TOO SHY TO SPEAK. I CAN'T LET HIM GO NOW AND DISAPPEAR INTO THE JUNGLE FOREVER.
WILSON McCOY 4-20
?
BONG

YOU RANG, PRINCESS?
ARREST THIS MAN. HE'S A PROWLER.
LOCK HIM UP IN A GUEST ROOM~ THE NICEST ONE.
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
WILSON McCOY 4-21

YOU KNOW I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR PRINCE TAGON.
I FORBID YOU TO MENTION HIS NAME AGAIN! TAKE HIM AWAY.

NOW I'LL VISIT HIM EACH DAY. HE'LL LOSE HIS SHYNESS~ AND TELL ME THAT HE LOVES ME~

WHAT'S KEEPING HIM? HE PROMISED TO RETURN AT ONCE WITH MELINE'S ANSWER!


I DEMAND THAT YOU RELEASE ME, MELINE!
AND I PREFER THAT YOU REMAIN HERE AS MY HOUSE GUEST.

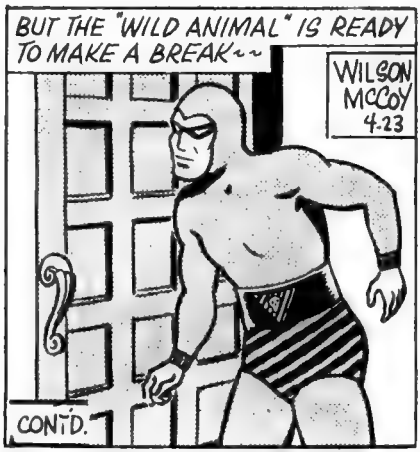
WHAT'LL TAGON SAY WHEN HE HEARS OF THIS?
I COULDN'T CARE LESS. I PREFER A SLIM HOUSE GUEST TO A FAT PRINCE.

COMES THE DAWN! SHE LIKES ME! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
WILSON McCOY 4-22

ENJOY YOUR DINNER?
AN EXCELLENT DINNER, THANK YOU.

HE LIKED THE DINNER. HE SMILED! IT'S WORKING~~ HE'S LOSING HIS SHYNESS~~

I SUPPOSE I'M SILLY TO DO THIS~~ BUT HE'S LIKE SOME MAGNIFICENT WILD ANIMAL THAT NEEDS TAMING~~


BUT THE "WILD ANIMAL" IS READY TO MAKE A BREAK~~
WILSON McCOY 4-23
CONT'D.

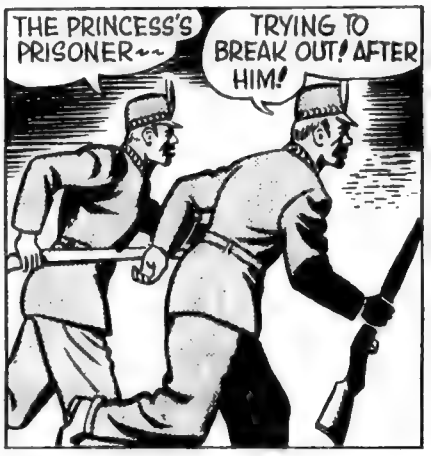
GOT A MATCH?
YUP. I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT YOU SMOKE.

I DON'T.

WILSON McCOY 4-25

HEY--!
THE PRINCESS'S PRISONER!

SORRY TO DO THIS, BOYS~ BUT I'VE GOT TO GO!


THE PRINCESS'S PRISONER--
TRYING TO BREAK OUT! AFTER HIM!

WILSON McCOY 4-26

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
OH - HE FIGHTS LIKE A LION~ HE'LL STOP FIGHTING WHEN HE SEES ME--

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY~BUT DON'T HURT HIM~
HE'LL NOT WANT TO RUN AWAY WHEN HE HEARS MY VOICE~

NOT HURT HIM~ IS SHE KIDDING--? UH--

GOODBYE, PRINCESS! MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HOSPI-TALITY!

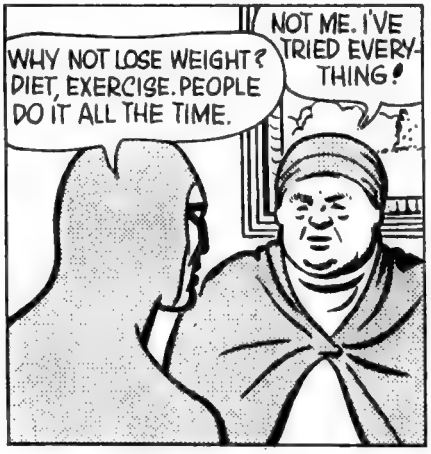
HE RAN AWAY--HE DIDN'T LOVE ME~OH~ I'VE BEEN AN IDIOT!
WILSON McCOY 4-27

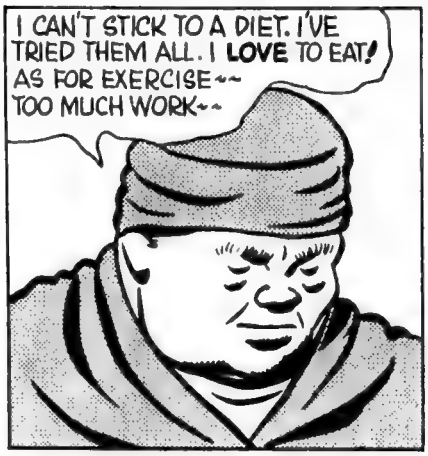
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU - TWO DAYS! WHAT DID SHE SAY?
SHE SAID NO.

TURNED ME DOWN - MY HOPES WERE SO HIGH - OH - MELINE -- I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY NOW -
YOU'VE STILL A CHANCE -

HOW? I'LL DO ANYTHING!
SHE DOESN'T LIKE FAT MEN. LOSE FIFTY POUNDS OR SO SHE MAY CHANGE HER MIND.

IT'S EASY.
EASY? ANYTHING BUT THAT! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
WILSON McCOY 4-28


WHY NOT LOSE WEIGHT? DIET, EXERCISE. PEOPLE DO IT ALL THE TIME.
NOT ME. I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING!


I CAN'T STICK TO A DIET. I'VE TRIED THEM ALL. I LOVE TO EAT! AS FOR EXERCISE -- TOO MUCH WORK --

TAGON, YOU'VE NO WILL POWER. YOU'RE LAZY.
STOP! YOU MAY BE MY FRIEND, BUT I'M THE PRINCE! WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!

PRINCE - YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
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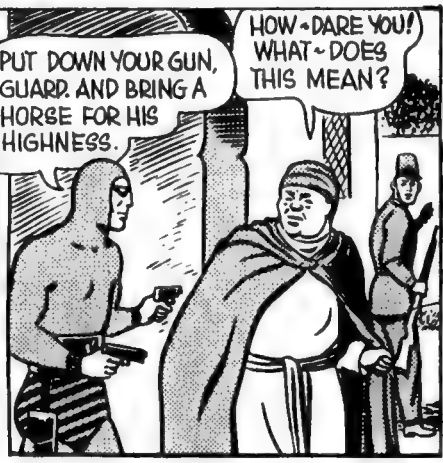
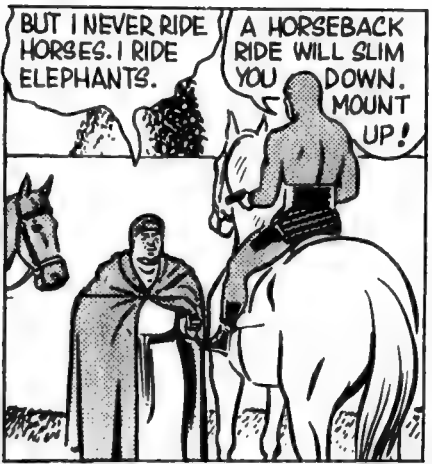
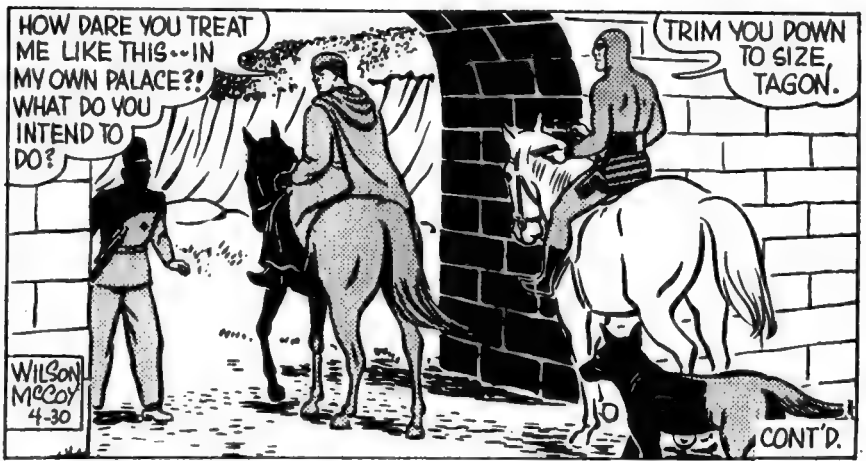
WILSON McCOY 4-29


PUT DOWN YOUR GUN, GUARD. AND BRING A HORSE FOR HIS HIGHNESS.
HOW - DARE YOU! WHAT - DOES THIS MEAN?

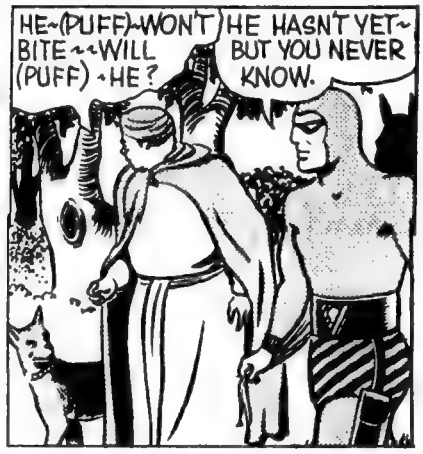

BUT I NEVER RIDE HORSES. I RIDE ELEPHANTS.
A HORSEBACK RIDE WILL SLIM YOU DOWN. MOUNT UP!


HOW DARE YOU TREAT ME LIKE THIS -- IN MY OWN PALACE?! WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?
TRIM YOU DOWN TO SIZE, TAGON.
WILSON McCOY 4-30
CONT'D.

KEEP YOUR GUNS DOWN, GUARDS! I'M TAKING YOUR PRINCE FOR A RIDE!
GUARDS!

BUT I'M NOT USED TO HORSEBACK--! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS--?
HAVE TO TRIM YOU DOWN--FOR MELINE.
WILSON McCOY 5-2

DISMOUNT, TAGON. FROM HERE ON, YOU WALK!
I'M ALREADY EXHAUSTED! I NEVER WALK!


HE-(PUFF)-WON'T BITE--WILL (PUFF)-HE?
HE HASN'T YET-BUT YOU NEVER KNOW.

I'VE NEVER WALKED SO FAR--BEFORE-(PUFF!)
IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD. MELINE DISLIKES FAT MEN.

I'VE GOT-- (PUFF) TO STOP!
STOP AND REST

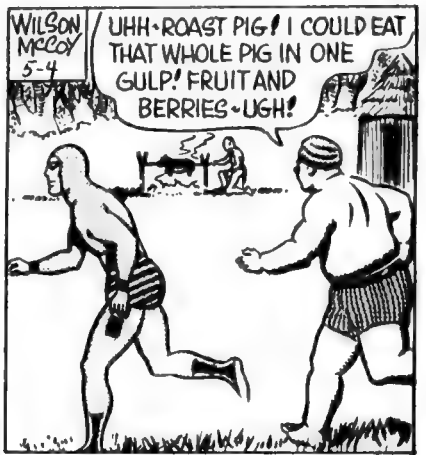
I'M STARVING. I WANT FOOD!
HELP YOURSELF. PLENTY OF FRUIT AND BERRIES.

FRUIT AND BERRIES!--I WANT MEAT AND POTATOES-AND-OH-- I WISH I'D NEVER HEARD OF MELINE!
WILSON McCOY 5-3

THIS WILL BE YOUR HOME FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
YOU MEAN-- THIS GOES ON FOR WEEKS?

GET THOSE CLOTHES OFF-AND PUT THIS ON.
ALL I WANT TO DO IS EAT-AND SLEEP-

I CAN'T-RUN AROUND IN THIS! I'LL DIE OF EXPOSURE!
THE SUN'S GOOD FOR YOU-COME ON, TIME FOR YOUR RUN.

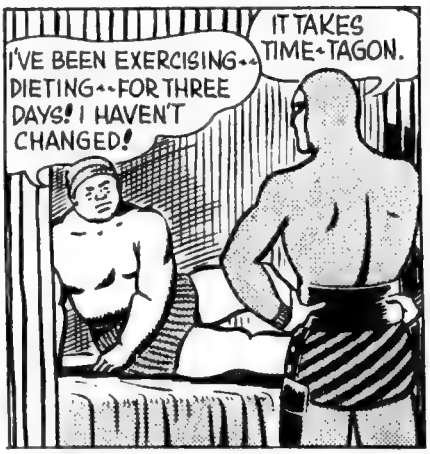

WILSON McCOY 5-4
UHH-ROAST PIG! I COULD EAT THAT WHOLE PIG IN ONE GULP! FRUIT AND BERRIES-UGH!

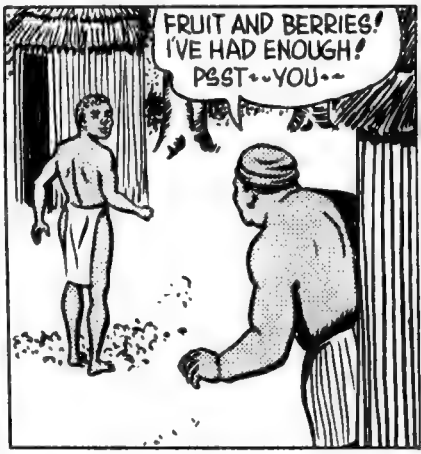
RUNNING ALL DAY-- EXHAUSTED! IS THIS ALL I GET TO EAT-- FRUIT AND BERRIES?
REMEMBER, YOU WANT MELINE MORE THAN ANYTHING.

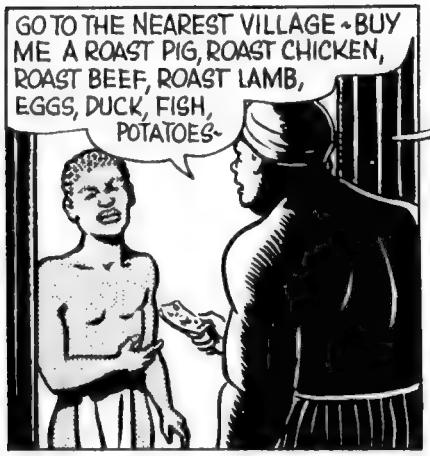
SHE LOVES SLIM MEN! HAVE A GOOD SLEEP NOW. DREAM OF HER! SHE'S WORTH ALL THIS, ISN'T SHE?

MELINE - YES, I GUESS SHE'S WORTH ANYTHING--

--OR IS SHE? ZZZZZZZZ
WILSON McCOY 5-5


I'VE BEEN EXERCISING-- DIETING--FOR THREE DAYS! I HAVEN'T CHANGED!
IT TAKES TIME-TAGON.

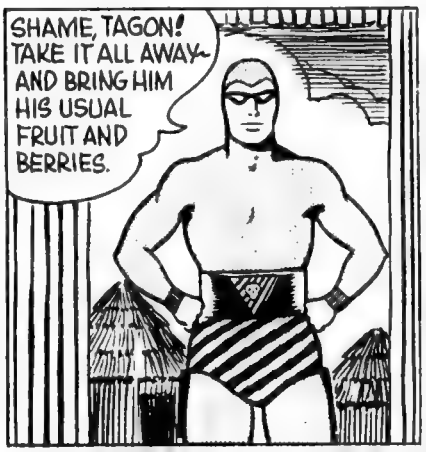

FRUIT AND BERRIES! I'VE HAD ENOUGH! PSST--YOU--


GO TO THE NEAREST VILLAGE - BUY ME A ROAST PIG, ROAST CHICKEN, ROAST BEEF, ROAST LAMB, EGGS, DUCK, FISH, POTATOES-

-AND DON'T LET HIM SEE YOU! HURRY!
WILSON McCOY 5-6

OH, NO - (SOB) - NO - I DON'T WANT MELINE - I JUST WANT FOOD!
WILSON McCOY 5-7

OOH--ROAST PIG, BEEF, LAMB, DUCK, CHICKEN, EGGS, POTATOES - FIRST FOOD IN DAYS - (YUM - YUM)
-JUST PUT IT ON THE FLOOR - NEVER MIND KNIFE AND FORK! I'LL USE MY HANDS--!

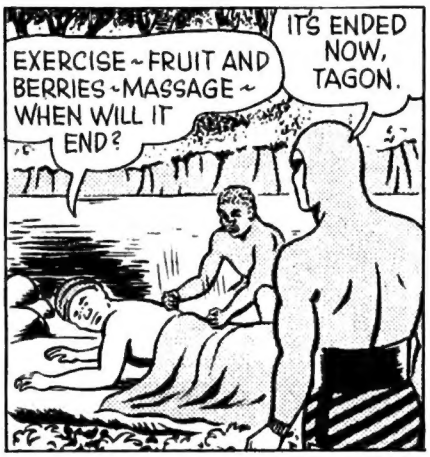

SHAME, TAGON! TAKE IT ALL AWAY- AND BRING HIM HIS USUAL FRUIT AND BERRIES.

THE SLIMMING OF PRINCE TAGON~
HOW MUCH (PUFF~~) FARTHER?
ONLY TEN MORE MILES.

MUST I (PUFF) DO THIS?
LET'S HOPE THE VINE DOESN'T BREAK!

WHY~(PUFF~GULP~) MUST I WORK SO HARD~WHILE YOU JUST SIT?
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE FAT ONE.

DAY AFTER DAY~WEEK AFTER WEEK~WILL IT NEVER END? (PUFF)~(GULP)~~
WILSON McCOY 5-9


EXERCISE~FRUIT AND BERRIES~MASSAGE~ WHEN WILL IT END?
IT'S ENDED NOW, TAGON.

WHAT! FINISHED?
YES. YOU HAVEN'T SEEN A MIRROR FOR WEEKS. REMEMBER WHAT YOU LOOKED LIKE?

I REMEMBER~UGH~
LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE POOL NOW.

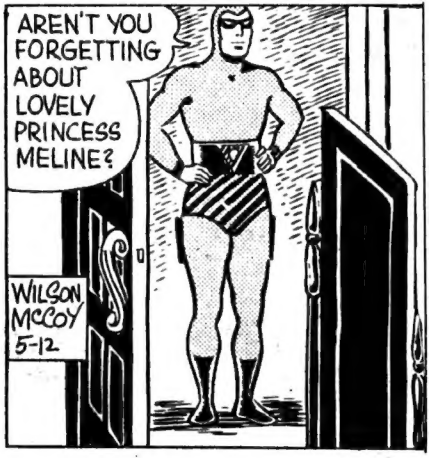
WILSON McCOY 5-10
THAT'S ME~TAGON! WHY, I'M SLIM, LEAN, HANDSOME! GET ME A REAL MIRROR.

IS THAT ME?
WILSON McCOY 5-11

YES~YES~WHY, I LOOK WONDERFUL!

IF YOU CAN STOP ADMIRING YOURSELF, SHOULDN'T YOU LET MELINE SEE YOU?
OH~MELINE, OF COURSE. BUT FIRST MY COURT MUST SEE ME!

YOUR HIGHNESS~ SO SLIM~~!
SO LEAN~
SO ATTRACTIVE~ IT'S ALL TRUE!
YOUR HIGHNESS~ THE MIRROR ROOM IS READY.


AREN'T YOU FORGETTING ABOUT LOVELY PRINCESS MELINE?
WILSON McCOY 5-12

OH, NO, I MUST PROPOSE TO HER AT ONCE. AH, I LOOK WONDERFUL FROM EVERY ANGLE! SHE'LL FIND ME IRRESISTIBLE~~!

WAIT UNTIL MELINE SEES ME. POOR GIRL, SHE MAY FAINT.
IT'S POSSIBLE. YOU CERTAINLY HAVE CHANGED.

PRINCE TAGON TO SEE YOU, HIGHNESS.
THAT FAT FOOL AGAIN? SEND HIM AWAY!

BUT HE'S CHANGED CONSIDERABLY~ SLIMMED DOWN~~
NONSENSE. THAT GLUTTON COULD NEVER CHANGE! SENDING ANOTHER MAN TO PROPOSE FOR HIM!
WILSON McCOY 5-13

SHE REFUSED TO SEE ME? AFTER ALL I'VE DONE! LET'S GO!
WAIT, TAGON! I'VE AN IDEA~~

BUT MELINE REFUSES TO SEE ME~~AFTER ALL I'VE BEEN THRU!
SHE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT IT, TAGON. SHE REMEMBERS YOU AS YOU WERE~

HER IDEAL IS A SLIM, ROMANTIC MAN WHO'LL SWEEP HER OFF HER FEET~YOU CAN FIT THAT NOW~

I'VE GOT TO GET THESE TWO MARRIED. AFTER ALL THE TIME I'VE SPENT ON THIS~
NOW, TAGON, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO~
WILSON McCOY 5-14

HERE SHE COMES. READY NOW~~
SHE'S IN FOR A SURPRISE~WHEN SHE SEES ME!

IMAGINE~FAT TAGON TRYING TO SEE ME AGAIN~ WHEN HE DOES, HE CAN ONLY STAMMER~

OH! NOT~ANOTHER BANDIT~~! HELP!
WILSON McCOY 5-16

SHH~MELINE~DON'T SCREAM~~IT'S ME! TAGON!
HELP~~ HUH~!?!

TAGON~~IT CAN'T BE YOU!
IT IS! I'M A NEW MAN! I'VE EXERCISED~~ DIETED~~HOW DO I LOOK?

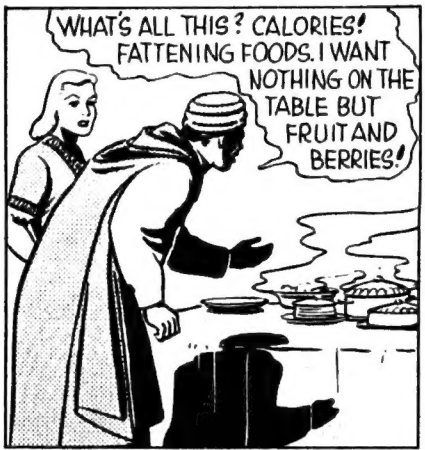
YOU LOOK WONDERFUL!
HE REALLY DOES!
I KNOW!
I REALLY DO

BUT YOU'VE LOST TONS! HOW DID YOU DO IT?
NOT DIFFICULT, REALLY. I JUST MADE UP MY MIND TO DO IT.

WON'T YOU COME TO MY CASTLE AND HAVE LUNCH?
GLAD TO. BUT ONLY FRUIT AND BERRIES, PLEASE.
WILSON McCOY 5-17

MY NEW FIGURE IS AMAZING, ISN'T IT, MELINE?
IT IS, TAGON.
HE HASN'T EVEN LOOKED AT ME.
WILSON McCOY 5-18

NOTICE THE JAW LINE, SO LEAN, SO FIRM~~


WHAT'S ALL THIS? CALORIES! FATTENING FOODS. I WANT NOTHING ON THE TABLE BUT FRUIT AND BERRIES!

MUST STICK TO MY DIET. CAN'T STAND THE ODOR OF ANY OTHER FOOD~~
YES, TAGON.

PRINCESS, HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR PRINCE NOW?
HMM~HE IS SLIM AND HANDSOME NOW, BUT SO CONCEITED!

WHEN HE WAS FAT, HE WAS SO SWEET AND HUMBLE~ SOMEHOW I WISH HE WERE LIKE THAT AGAIN.

STILL A GIRL CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING.
TAGON, I'VE DECIDED TO ACCEPT YOU.

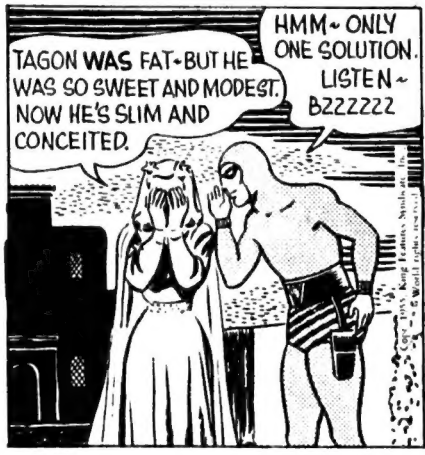
OH, YES, I MEANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT THAT. FINE.
LOOK AT ME! DON'T I LOOK WONDERFUL IN THIS NEW UNIFORM?
WILSON McCOY 5-19

THE WEDDING OF PRINCESS MELINE AND PRINCE TAGON!

SIRE, YOU LOOK DIVINE!
CAN WE KISS THE BRIDEGROOM?
MELINE'S SUCH A LUCKY GIRL!
TAGON~ TAGON, DEAR~
WILSON McCOY 5-20

ISN'T HE THE HANDSOMEST!
TAGON~ TAGON, DEAR~
JUST WONDERFUL!

ALL THOSE SILLY WOMEN! I CAN'T EVEN GET NEAR HIM! (SOB)
YOU WANTED A SLIM, HANDSOME PRINCE. YOU GOT ONE.


TAGON WAS FAT~BUT HE WAS SO SWEET AND MODEST. NOW HE'S SLIM AND CONCEITED.
HMM~ ONLY ONE SOLUTION. LISTEN~ B222222

TAGON, DEAR, I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU.
WHAT IS IT?
I REALLY AM HANDSOME~IT'S NOT JUST TALK.

MELINE! YOU KNOW I'M ON A STRICT DIET! I CAN'T EAT THAT~~ YUM~~
OH, TAGON~~ BUT IT IS OUR WEDDING NIGHT~~

~VERY WELL, MELINE, JUST THIS ONCE.
FAMOUS LAST WORDS! GOODBYE, MELINE. BE HAPPY WITH YOUR FAT PRINCE.
WILSON McCOY 5-21
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE